

NOTE ON WALL TELLS WHY AGERS SHOT HIS WIFE

"I asked my wife to settle with me, but she refused to do so. I have lived with her all my life."

These words, written in pencil upon the walls of the kitchen in his home today explained to the authorities the motive of Jack Agers, forty-three, for shooting and killing his wife yesterday in Capital Heights, Md.

Agers seized a shotgun and fired three times into her back, then seized a razor and, in the presence of his six-year-old son, Gus Agers, slashed his own throat. Both Agers and his wife were rushed to the Casualty Hospital in automobiles. Mrs. Agers died at 6:35 o'clock last evening. Her husband will recover.

Following the shooting, young Agers, who had left his home during the quarrel, ran back to the house and found his mother lying in a pool of blood on the floor.

With the assistance of a neighbor they carried her to a nearby house. The entire neighborhood was aroused.

Pulls Gun on Pursuers.

Agers ran from the scene carrying the shotgun and a suitcase. He was bleeding from the gap in his neck. Citizens intercepted him at Dix street, but he held them off with the shotgun.

His son, who had followed him, closed in and attempted to wrest the weapon from his hand. Agers fired to the woods, but he was finally captured by Balliff George Lee.

"I wonder what they'll do—hang him?" Gus Agers, the son, asked a Times reporter today as he sat with streaming eyes in the office of Judge West, where he had gone to get the key to his now desolate home.

Exonerates Father.

"They ought to do something with him," he continued. "He isn't as crazy as he tried to make out. He was always mistreating my mother. Just the other day he wanted to throw her out of the window. 'It won't hurt her much,' he said, 'she'd just bounce up and down like a rubber ball.'"

When asked what he intended to do with his father, he said, "I don't know, exactly. Mother asked Mrs. R. C. Ratcliffe to take care of me. I guess I'll stay in Capital Heights. I won't go back to school. I'm going to work. I'll have to, now."

In an ante-mortem statement, according to Motorcycle Policeman Marks, Mrs. Agers declared that her husband had been drinking and that she believed his mind to be deranged.

AMUSEMENTS

NATIONAL THEATRE, 52nd St. and E. 12th St. 2nd Floor. Tonight, 8:30. "The Last of the Mohicans."

CHANCEY OLCOTT, 10th St. and E. 12th St. 2nd Floor. Tonight, 8:30. "The Last of the Mohicans."

PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA, 4:30. Leopold Stokowski, Conductor. Soloist—Jacques Thibaud—Violinist.

FRANCES ALDA, 14th St. and E. 12th St. 2nd Floor. Tonight, 8:30. "The Last of the Mohicans."

MELBA, 14th St. and E. 12th St. 2nd Floor. Tonight, 8:30. "The Last of the Mohicans."

BELASCO, 14th St. and E. 12th St. 2nd Floor. Tonight, 8:30. "The Last of the Mohicans."

MISALLIANCE, 14th St. and E. 12th St. 2nd Floor. Tonight, 8:30. "The Last of the Mohicans."

B. F. KEITH'S, 14th St. and E. 12th St. 2nd Floor. Tonight, 8:30. "The Last of the Mohicans."

ROCK & WHITE, 14th St. and E. 12th St. 2nd Floor. Tonight, 8:30. "The Last of the Mohicans."

THE WARRIOR, 14th St. and E. 12th St. 2nd Floor. Tonight, 8:30. "The Last of the Mohicans."

THE GARDEN, 14th St. and E. 12th St. 2nd Floor. Tonight, 8:30. "The Last of the Mohicans."

LOEW'S COLUMBIA, 14th St. and E. 12th St. 2nd Floor. Tonight, 8:30. "The Last of the Mohicans."

BILLIE BURKE, 14th St. and E. 12th St. 2nd Floor. Tonight, 8:30. "The Last of the Mohicans."

POLY THEATRE, 14th St. and E. 12th St. 2nd Floor. Tonight, 8:30. "The Last of the Mohicans."

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Warrant for Kaiser Is Issued by Virginia Justice; Carries Reward

ROANOKE, Va., Dec. 10.—In these days of the reign of high cost of living, here is an offer of a reward that should appeal. A warrant has been issued by Justice of the Peace Charles L. Zoll, of Broad Run district, Loudoun county, for the arrest of one William Hohenzollern, alias Kaiser Wilhelm.

William is charged specifically with being an outlaw, and between July, 1914, and November, 1917, being guilty of murder, assault, and arson.

The reward will be three barrels of corn, five bushels of potatoes, and a country ham to weigh not less than twenty-one pounds.

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CONTROL OF SEAS BY WORLD NAVY FAVORED BY U. S.

By DAVID LAWRENCE. (Continued from First Page.)

believe that it will be one of the compensations for the terrible tragedy of war? The necessity for naval vessels will continue, but among the policies that will be approved in the peace conference that will follow war there should be incorporated a provision guaranteeing an international navy to enforce international decrees.

This international navy, composed of separate naval establishments of all nations, each nation should contribute in proportion to its wealth and population, or upon some plan to insure that no nation can safely challenge the decrees of the high international court.

U. S. Ready to Contribute.

To such a police of the sea this country will be ready to make full contribution, and to that end the expansion that now crowds all the old and new shipbuilding resources will soon place this country in a position to furnish as many and as powerful ships as will come from any other country. It would be a lasting calamity if, when this war ends, there should linger as a burden upon a people already heavily taxed by war, a competitive program of costly naval construction.

This country will, no doubt, take its proper place in bringing about such provisions in the peace treaties as will never again constrain any nation to adapt its naval program to the program of some other nation from which there is a compelling menace of possible and unprovoked attack. Such compulsion is the very negative of natural and orderly naval development. It means the tyranny of a program dictated by the apprehension rather than the free choice of a standard suggested by national needs and supported by national ideals.

Serve "Parliament of Man."

"An international navy, on the contrary, will make possible such naval development as each nation deems fitting for its own people. It will also serve the 'parliament of man' by providing a naval force ample enough to give validity to international decrees and strong enough to keep inviolate the peace of the world."

The above paragraph represents a significant advance toward a world organization. When the President first mentioned the possibility of an international combination which would bring about a peace of the world, criticism came from Republican as well as Democratic quarters, notwithstanding that former President Taft was sponsor for the measure.

William Jennings Bryan argued that such a navy would be unconstitutional and objections of various kinds were entered which indicated that the subject was still regarded as academic and remote of accomplishment.

Will Interest German Liberals.

In a certain sense, however, what Secretary Daniels has said will be read with interest by the liberals in Germany who have argued that the reduction in armaments never could be approved by the central powers unless there was some assurance that naval building would cease.

Navaliam has been held up by Germany as much as the opponents of Germany have condemned militarism. England's efforts to obtain Germany's consent to a naval holiday, and America's willingness to enter into an agreement looking toward the same end as expressed in a resolution by Winston Churchill's suggestion, furnish incontrovertible evidence however of the present German government's refusal to halt its own naval building program in the past.

But on the assumption that a new spirit will animate Germany when the war is over, the assumption that the social and liberal influences in the central empire now working for a non-industrial peace need a stimulus of the reiteration by the United States of its readiness to participate in an international naval organization, is in itself an assurance that the words of President Wilson about the rights of small nations and right of every nation to determine its own will will be thoroughly supported, if necessary, hereafter by the greatly expanded navy of the United States.

Many Made Homeless BY JERSEY SHORE FIRE

WILLIAMSBURG, Pa., Dec. 10.—The score of families are homeless near here today as the result of a fire that swept three whole blocks at Jersey Shore early yesterday during a heavy snowstorm. The damage is estimated at \$600,000.

WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 10.—The most disastrous fire in the history of this city last night burned out the store of House & Herrmann and damaged other buildings, entailing a total loss of about \$250,000. It is said to have started from the explosion of a gas stove at the House & Herrmann establishment. The flames, which were extinguished, a half dozen nearby towns, were handicapped in their work by zero weather.

"DRY" LAW DECISIONS RENDERED IN 2 STATES

It is not legal to have even a small quantity of whiskey in your possession in Idaho the Supreme Court ruled today.

North Carolina's law requiring common carriers to keep a permanent record of all persons to whom liquor was shipped today was declared constitutional by the Supreme Court.

HARRY LAUDER RAISES \$23,000 FOR HALIFAX

BOSTON, Dec. 10.—Harry Lauder led a spontaneous subscription to a relief fund for the victims of the Halifax disaster with a contribution of \$1,000 at the Boston Athletic Club last evening. He made an address which prompted scores of members of the club to follow his lead in donating to the fund which soon totaled \$23,000.

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WALL ST. MARKET

PRICE MOVEMENTS NARROW AS MARKET OPENS.

Levels Slightly Above Those of Saturday—Steel Common Shows Advance—Bathlehem B. Corn Products, and Shipping Shares Also Rise.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Price movements were narrow during the first fifteen minutes of trading on the Stock Exchange today, with prices slightly above Saturday's final figures.

Steel common was traded in at 57 1/2 to 57 3/4 at the first few minutes, against 56 1/2 at the close Saturday. Bethlehem Steel B rose 1/4 to 74 1/4, with the next sale at 74, and fractional gains were recorded in Corn Products, Republic Iron and Steel, and the shipping shares.

The railway issues were also fractionally higher, Union Pacific advancing 1/4 to 110 1/4, Southern Railway 1/4 to 81 1/4, Reading 1/4 to 84 1/4, and smaller fractional gains being made in other issues in this group.

Andersons rose 1/4 to 58 and Kennebec 1/4 to 57 1/2. Liberty B's were traded in at from 85.50 to 98.75, and the 4's sold at 97.50.

There were some wide movements in the late forenoon, especially in the tobacco futures, and against American Tobacco Company the price of that stock down eleven points to 150. Many other stocks in this group were also weak. Oil stocks, with weak Texas Company dropped two points to 133 1/4, and Sinclair Oil 1 1/2 to 28 1/4.

There was active trading in Marine preferred, which rose 1 1/2 to 99 1/2, while the common advanced 1/2 to 22 1/2.

The copper shares were generally strong. Ralls reacted slightly. Money loaning was at 5 1/2 per cent.

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